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FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central Team visited some States, especially Andhra Pradesh, to study the implementation of the `Food for Work` Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the recommendations made by the Team;

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has demanded for release of 5 lakh tonnes of rice under the Programme by extending the programme implementation date upto 15 June, 2002;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the time by which it is likely to be released to the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a): The Ministry of Agriculture have intimated that no Central Team has so far visited Andhra Pradesh (and other States) to review implementation of the Food for Work Programme.

(b) & (c) : Do not arise.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e) & (f) : The Food for Work Programme was started in January, 2001 as a temporary Scheme to provide relief in the calamity affected areas and remained in operation till 31st March, 2002. For the quantity of foodgrains lifted under the Food for Work Programme upto 31st March 2002, but unutilized till that date, utilization of the same has been permitted upto 30th June, 2002 according to the norms of the Scheme.

To meet future exigencies arising out of natural calamity, a Special Component has been provisioned under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) under which 5 lakh MTs of rice have been released in the month of April, 2002 to the Government of Andhra Pradesh.